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East-Coast Refinery

5133. SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the proposal to set up East Coast Refinery has been approved; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the site and when the work on this project likely to start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation has, in principle approval to set up a 6 MMTPA joint venture refinery in the East Coast IOC has submitted a Detailed Feasibility Report which includes the subject of site selection and the same is under process of investment approval. The implementation of the project is expected to take approximately 46 months for mechanical completion from the date of Government approval.

Bank Credit

5134. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether growth of bank credit to the commercial sector has gone down during the year 1996-97; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The non-food bank credit of scheduled commercial banks during the year 1996-97 upto March 28, 1997 increased by Rs. 24,710 crore (10.1 per cent) as against an increase of Rs. 44,938 crore (22.5 per cent) during the corresponding period of the previous year. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the depressed capital market seemed to have played a role inasmuch as there has to be some balance between debt and equity. Equity raised by the corporates was significantly lower in 1996-97 than in 1995-96.

RBI have further reported that in viewing growth of bank credit, the flow of funds to the commercial sector is to be considered. The total amount of funds raised by the commercial sector both from banks and non-banks sources was Rs. 82,334 crore in 1996-97, as compared with an amount of Rs. 94,497 crore in the previous year.

Power Finance Corporation

5135. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have allowed Power Finance Corporation (PFC) to issue $ 125 million euro issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the terms of this issue and the benefits PFC would derive from its euro issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Nuclear Waste

5136. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether nuclear wastes of developed countries are being dumped in the Indian soil; and

(b) the corrective measures taken by the Government to check this practice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise